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For: IMAGE CLASSIFICATION METHOD,
IMAGE FEATURE SPACE DISPLAYING
METHOD, PROGRAM, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM

Examiner: P. A. Darno

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

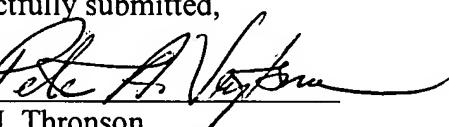
The references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in an office action issued by the Japanese patent office in a related application. A copy of the Japanese-language office action is attached. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign non-patent references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). For reference numbered "CA" on the attached PTO/SB/08, Applicant has attached a partial English-language translation. For reference numbered "CB," an English-language Abstract is provided.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. R2184.0240/P240. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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